

**641—113.2 (135) Purpose.**

**113.2(1)** The department, through the division of acute disease prevention and emergency response, center for disaster operations and response, shall establish, register, and approve public health response teams to supplement and support disrupted or overburdened local medical and public health personnel, hospitals, and resources in the event of a disaster or threatened disaster or other incident as defined in Iowa Code section 135.143. The primary purpose of the public health response teams is to respond to Iowa incidents and to provide support for Iowa medical and public health personnel, hospitals, and resources. A public health response team may also be requested to respond to an out-of-state disaster or emergency pursuant to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact at Iowa Code section 29C.21.

**113.2(2)** PHRTs shall be established, registered and approved pursuant to this chapter. Additional PHRTs may be established, registered and approved as necessary upon written order of the director.

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